

**Summary of Input from North Park Community Plan Update Advisory Committee Meeting #1
Regarding the Conservation and Urban Design Elements (November 18, 2010)**

CONSERVATION ELEMENT	
1.	The best way to do meet Conservation Element objectives is to adaptively reuse existing facilities and employ green practices -- this will go a long way.
2.	Encourage City to bring reclaimed water here and to recapture storm water to filter and reuse.
3.	Use rooftops for solar farms.
4.	Any project seeking public funding must have mandatory energy efficiency requirements (LEED standard) to meet the conservation goal. If variances are requested for private development, provide bonuses for 'green building' , not just density or low-income bonuses.
5.	Limit how much more development can be added without resources to serve it (e.g. evaluate added density with traffic, water use etc.)
6.	Add a 'green' section to this element. Review greenhouse laws that have been passed and refocus on them to accommodate these issues.
7.	Show better ways/exhibits to do green communities (e.g. how to use native plants and help with water conservation).
8.	When referencing densification, height doesn't necessarily mean more residents. In Uptown, there is just one unit per floor at Mi Arbolito. With height, maybe limit unit size.
9.	Does City have a program to encourage things such as passive solar with site design (e.g. skylights to have natural air flow, using winter sun for warmth)? Should design guidelines address this?
10.	Need prep in green incentives.
11.	Recognize the sustainability practices of the nineteen-teens and twenties (e.g. why bungalows don't need air conditioning -- porches and windows were located to take advantage of the natural environment). In the 1980s, this was not done in the city.
12.	Re-examine the smart growth idea. What we thought would happen with transportation and infrastructure hasn't happened. I basically still buy into the concept, but don't see how it contributes to the community at this point.
13.	Re-examine noise impacts as corridors are more impacted by traffic and there are more hospitality businesses. Need sound control for bars and restaurants.

14. **Take inventory of existing incentives for sustainability** to promote people and businesses adopting sustainable practices and behavior (gap analysis).
15. **Don't allow parking waivers** for condo/apartment buildings.

URBAN DESIGN ELEMENT

1. Height levels, this has been suburbia. I'd like to see **height limits**.
2. Horizontal because of the 2 main transportation corridors.
 - a. If you look at Otay, **805 bifurcated the community**.
 - b. I'd like this community to **consider the vertical element**.
 - c. There's a plan that has been out there for 15 years that focuses on **linkages, such as between North Park and Jefferson**. Let's consider this.
3. I say **vertical** because I see El Cajon, University, and Adams going this way. Some kind of **park and public facilities linkage between northern part and southern part of community**.
4. Does this plan **connect Oregon Streets with all the schools**?
5. Is it **connecting all the pocket parks and schools**? Is that what is meant?
6. Sustainability issue, consistency with other elements we create. **Focusing on sustainability in the design element**.
7. **Visual clutter**, we are in serious **need of a code compliance/enforcement** department that responds to community **complaints about banners on buildings**.
 - a. How to help make it go away.
8. **Utility boxes**- people coming out of their front door to find a big box, **takes away parking**.
 - a. **It's ugly** takes away beauty.
9. We've been operating under the previous Community Plan for a long time and we try to anchor our complaints or support to it.
 - a. All of this will be meaningless unless we **get teeth from planning department and development services**.
 - b. I trust you but there **can't be other agendas operating, political agendas**.
10. When I drive into North Park from University Ave from Hillcrest. When I get to the **bridge**, it is **not a welcoming feeling**. Not welcoming until close to 30th Street. **University** at this end is **not welcoming** for quite a long stretch.
 - a. Off **805, more welcoming**.
 - b. **El Cajon Blvd** too.
11. Back to the teeth of a Community Plan, what is the enforceability? I'd like to address some of these issues. What are the **end runs** that **Development Services can do** around it, so we can **plug those up now**?
 - a. Is there a **limit on plan amendments** that can be made?
 - b. Big pet peeve through urban design is when apartments get approved and then **during**

construction they come to us and we can't give input into the urban design element.

- c. Opportunity to see **how CN-1 code would work** and it **completely supports the Community Plan**. Bring construction out to street corner. In this case KFC, the general position of the city was that we've been letting them do it because otherwise the building won't be rebuilt. But need to **build it up to code**.
 - i. We have the exact same thing going on with Jack in the Box now. It's a voluntarily rebuild, then it has to be in conformance, but that didn't occur.

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